

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and reconsideration and further examination, in view of the amendments above and the remarks below, are respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, non-elected claims 20-34 and 38-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added or amended. Thus, upon entry of the foregoing, claims 1-19 and 35-37 will be pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintained the restriction requirement and indicated that claims 1-14 and 35-36 are allowable. In response, Applicants have canceled all the non-elected claims except for claims 15-19 and 37. Claims 15-19 are process claims, which depend directly or indirectly from allowable product claim 1. Also, claim 37 is a process claim, which depends from allowable product claim 35. Since these process claims depend from allowable product claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of those claims in accordance with MPEP § 821.04. Additionally, since the process claims contain all of the limitations of the allowable product claims, the process claims are also allowable at least for the same reasons that the product claims are allowable.


From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Reply, or the application in general, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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